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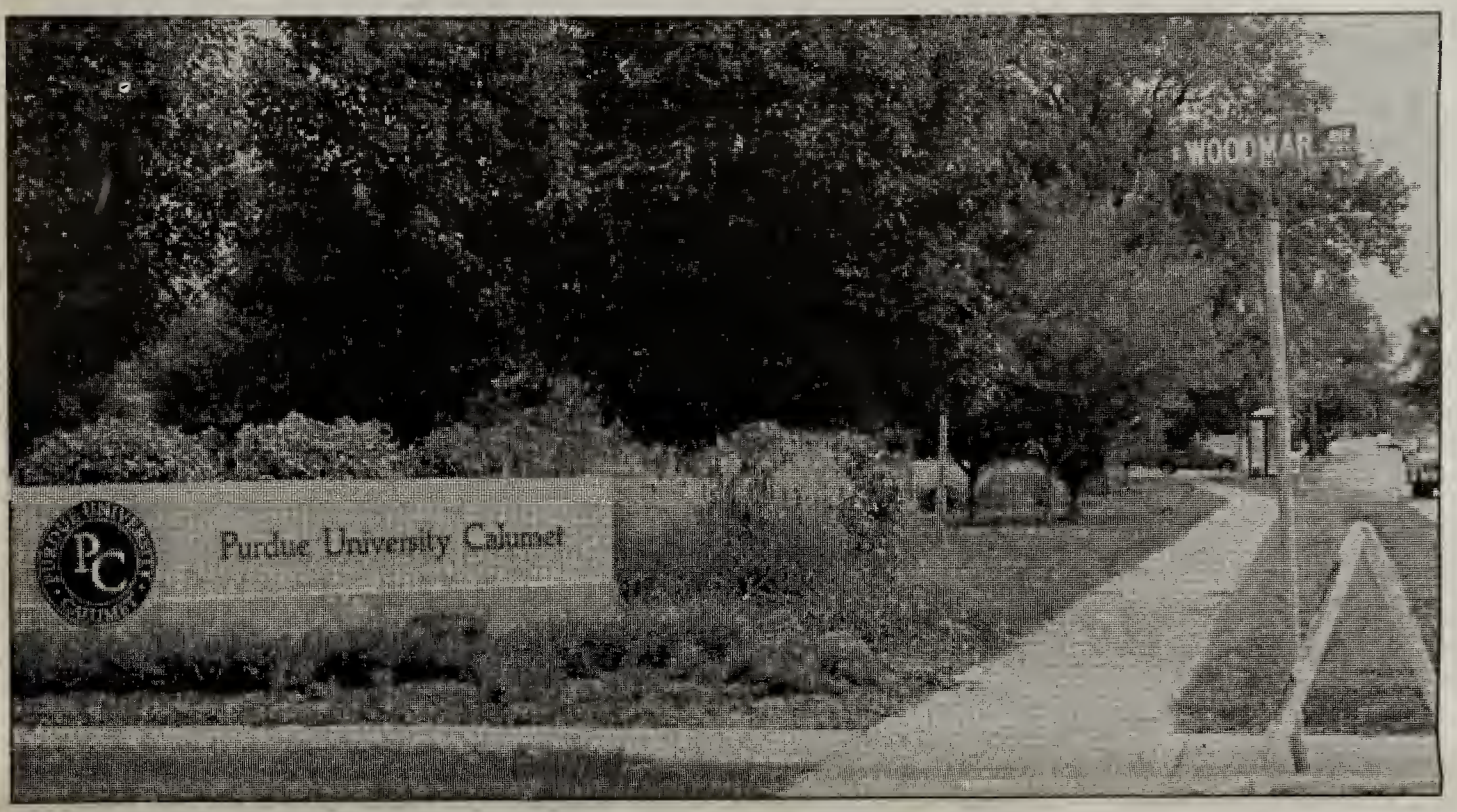
Students can 'Park and Ride'



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(Above) The route of the two shuttle busses will primarily consist of stops on Woodmar Avenue.
(Below) A view of Woodmar Avenue where the bus will load and unload passengers for the first three weeks of school.

Shuttle bus offered to curb parking woes

TERRIE HENDERSON
Editor in Chief

Students who cannot find a parking spot during the first three weeks of school will be able to park at Woodmar Mall, just west of Indianapolis Boulevard located on 167th Street, and ride a shuttle to PUC.

The Park and Ride Shuttle program is being offered to students, faculty and staff to compensate for the 200 spots of campus parking that will be lost during the next year, due to construction of the parking garage. The parking garage will hold 860 parking spaces when completed in spring 2005.

Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for advancement, said students, faculty and staff who park in the Woodmar Mall lot will receive Chartwell's coupons for free drinks may also receive possible discounts at Woodmar Mall.

Lukoshus said, "Student Service Fees are not going to fund this." He said the Park and Ride shuttle program was funded through Administrative Services.

Lukoshus said several plans were discussed before reaching the best possible solution. He said the Administrative and Professional Staff Advisory Committee, the Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee and the faculty senate made recommendations for the most efficient shuttle program to Senior Leadership.

The shuttle bus, which can hold 70 passengers and will be similar to

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PARK & RIDE SHUTTLE

Pick-up / Drop-off Schedule
8 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Monday - Thursday
Aug. 30 - Sept. 16

Woodmar Mall SE
(169th Street, west of Indianapolis Blvd.)
top of the hour
+ 15, 30 and 45
minutes after the hour

PER Building
(south of 173rd Street)
10, 25, 40 and 55
minutes after the hour

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(Woodmar north of 173rd Street)
15, 30, 45 and 60
minutes after the hour

Founders Plaza
(Woodmar and 171st Street)
20, 35, 50 and 10
minutes after the hour

ANDR Circle Drive
(Woodmar south of 169th Street)
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minutes after the hour

Local road construction scheduled to continue through this semester

KENDRA JESSEN
Managing Editor

The construction on the Borman Expressway, the Indiana Toll Road and Route 41 has caused limited access to PUC since last semester and will be continuing through this semester.

Greg Kicinski, the design/build project engineer for the Indiana Department of Transportation, said the $300 million project to widen the Borman is on schedule. He said the section between Calumet Avenue and Cline Avenue is two-thirds of the way completed. In order to complete the third phase, the westbound off-ramps from Kennedy Avenue to Calumet Avenue were closed Aug. 20 and will remain closed until at least November.

Kicinski said the crew is scheduled to finish Dec. 1, but is already a week ahead.

He said Illinois is working on a similar widening project and is scheduled to finish around the same time.

"Unfortunately if we finish early we won't be able to open all of the lanes until Illinois finishes," Kicinski said. "It would be too hard for people to merge in such a short amount of time when they hit the border."

Kicinski said INDOT has kept three lanes open in order to keep

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SPORTS: Soccer club gets a new coach; Dale Moore **ENTERTAINMENT: A weekend trip: Windsor, Ontario**

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Welcome students...

...Here's a parking and expressway construction update.

To help alleviate the loss of 200 parking spaces due to ongoing construction of the 860-space parking garage, the university is offering overflow parking at Woodmar Shopping Mall during the first three weeks of the fall semester.

The Park & Ride Shuttle bus program—to run from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, through Sept. 16—features shuttle bus pick-up and drop-off at the south end of Woodmar Shopping Mall, off 167th Street and Indianapolis Boulevard.

This voluntary, optional service is available to any student or others without reserved spaces when campus lots are full.

The Park & Ride bus schedule is as follows:

- Woodmar Mall, south lot, top of the hour and 15, 30 and 45 minutes after the hour;
- Physical Education Recreation Building, 10, 25, 40 and 55 minutes after the hour;
- Lawshe Hall, 15, 30, 45 and 60 minutes after the hour;
- Founders Plaza, 5, 20, 35 and 50 minutes after the hour; and
- Anderson Circle Drive, 10, 25, 40 and 55 minutes after the hour.

The university will patrol both locations. Anyone who rides the shuttle will receive coupons for discounted purchases at the mall and free beverages on campus. Additional information may be obtained by contacting University Police at 989-2220.

Borman Expressway Construction Update

The Borman Expressway (Interstate 80/94) improvement project moved into Phase III recently and will continue through November. New Borman interchange closures plus construction on key east-west streets east and west of campus in the Hessville and south Hammond communities have created new travel challenges to and from campus.

Noteworthy RE: the Borman Expressway (I-80/94)

- Traveling to campus from the east, westbound motorists will find interchanges closed at Kennedy Avenue, Indianapolis Boulevard and Calumet Avenue.
- Traveling to campus from the west, eastbound motorists have a much easier time, as they may exit at Indianapolis Boulevard.
- Departing from campus, eastbound motorists may access the Borman at Indianapolis Boulevard and Kennedy Avenue.
- Westbound motorists may not access the Borman at Indianapolis Boulevard and Kennedy Avenue, but may do so at Calumet Avenue.

Noteworthy RE: road construction in Hessville, south Hammond...

- East of campus, 169th Street is closed at Kennedy Avenue east to Parrish Avenue.
- East of campus, 173rd Street is closed several blocks between Kennedy Avenue and Parrish Avenue.
- West of campus, 175th Street is closed several blocks west of Gavit High School.

For more details about Park & Ride, the Borman Expressway construction project plus suggested route information, visit the university website at www.calumet.purdue.edu

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What's Goin' On?

A look around campus

The social justice club seeks new members

The Social Justice Club is having a meeting on Thursday, September 2, in SFLC 301 at 6:30 p.m. Students interested in joining the club are encouraged to attend. For more information please contact SJC vice president, Huma Farook, at sjcpuc@hotmail.com.

Gamers needed to play masquerade game

Purdue University Gamers' Guild will be meeting on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Gamers will be playing a "never-before-seen" version of A Vampire, a masquerade game set in Spain. PUGG also plans to do reviews on new game systems and game-related books. To attend a meeting e-mail pucPUGG@yahoo.com.

Ben Stiller appears on screen in SFLC

Starsky and Hutch the movie will be playing in SFLC-100/ TV room on Aug. 31 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Admission to view the movie is free. Starsky and Hutch stars Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson.

Walkers walk to fight MS

The Indiana chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is sponsoring a walk for multiple sclerosis on Sept. 12. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. at PUC with the walk starting at 10 a.m. Visit www.msindiana.org to find out more about the MS walk.

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Fellowship awards water for survey answers

Students will get a free bottle of water from the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship when they fill out a one question survey this week between the SFLC and GYTE buildings. The Fellowship also has meetings on Thursday nights. The first meeting will be Sept. 2 at 8 p.m. next to SFLC 100.

Students hiking at Turkey Run

PUC's Walking Club welcomes students to join them at Turkey Run. Participants will leave Sept. 10 at 9 a.m. from the PER building and return around 7 p.m. Sept. 11. Activities will include hiking, swimming and eating. The cost for the trip is $70 per person due by Sept. 8 at noon. To participate, contact Deborah Thinnes at ext. 2862.

PUC celebrates International Reading Day

PUC, the Northwest Indiana Literacy Coalition and Hammond Reads are encouraging participation in International Reading Day on Sept. 8. At 10 a.m. there will be people all over stopping to read for 15 minutes. At noon the same day, Chancellor Howard Cohen, Professor Karen Fontaine and Academic Counselor Lee Rademacher will lead a program celebrating new books for campus authors. Contact the library for more information.

"Catsplay" looking for actors to fill cast

Open auditions for "Catsplay" are on Sept. 5 and Sept. 12 from 3 to 5 p.m. in SFLC 353. Six women and three men are needed to fill the cast. All technical support, crew and props, costumes and make-up people should also attend the auditions. Contact Corya Channing by phone at ext. 2267 or e-mail her at channing@calumet.purdue.edu.

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Are you going to take the bus?

The Park and Ride shuttle program will provide additional parking, but it remains to be seen who will take advantage of the program.

Students, faculty and staff can generally agree that adding additional parking shows the university is trying to do something to help with the parking situation. However, it is not a practical solution for students, faculty or staff to take the shuttle. It will, undoubtedly, be an inconvenience for everyone who rides.

First, no one will head straight to the Woodmar lot for parking to ride a school bus, however nostalgic it may seem.

That means students will drive around the parking lot on campus, get fed up when they can not find a spot, and then head over to Woodmar Mall, grumbling the whole way.

Everyone thinks the shuttle is a good idea to help alleviate the parking problem until they have to use it.

The result will be that students, faculty and staff will be late to class and work, and people will be driving from Purdue Calumet to the Woodmar lot on the very dangerous, and currently construction-ridden, Indianapolis Boulevard, rushed, grumbling and upset.

A free beverage from Chartwell's is not a big incentive, considering you lose the freedom to leave campus for lunch or for a break between classes without getting back on the shuttle.

A lot of people on our campus work and have family responsibilities.

Those students should not have to park in a different parking lot and take a shuttle; for some, coming to school is a very cumbersome task as it is.

But when you start saying who should not have to, then who should have to? We all pay the same fees, we all have to study and carry books to class, and we all, generally, have to use a car as our primary means of transportation in Northwest Indiana.

The considerate, thoughtful students who do voluntarily ride the shuttle will be few and far between, but one can hardly be called selfish for wanting to park in the parking lot of the school they attend.

It will, sadly, be a competitive race for spots, with the losers ending up at Woodmar Mall.

To help prevent people from having to park in the Woodmar lots, students, faculty and staff should try to carpool if they can.

Driving to school with a group of friends or colleagues may be more enjoyable than having to ride a shuttle bus.

Luckily, the university anticipates enough students will drop out in three weeks so those remaining can find parking spots.

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Tips to navigate in road construction

KENDRA JESSEN
Managing Editor

Unless you live directly next to PUC, it is likely that all of the road construction in Northwest Indiana is affecting you in some way. Not only is there construction on Interstate 80/94 and the Indiana Toll Road, but there is also construction on Route 41, 173rd Street and 169th Street.

There have been numerous complaints around campus this summer from students and staff regarding road closures, lane closures and ramp closures. Due to the major traffic delays and detours everywhere, everyone seems confused as to what time to leave their homes to make it to their jobs or classes on time.

Those who have been attending or working at PUC for a while have probably found their own little shortcuts. New students might not have a clue regarding different routes to school; they may only know how to get to school from 80/94 or 41. Fortunately there are other options.

The construction is mainly affecting people traveling to PUC from south and east.

1 am going to give you some tips on how to avoid some of this construction.

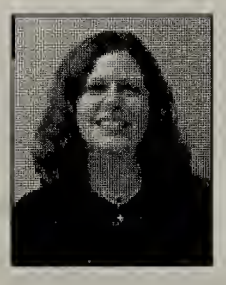
Depending on which town you live in, there are some options. If you live in any of the towns located off 41, such as Cedar Lake and St. John, you should take 41 until you reach Main Street in Highland and turn right. At the stoplight on the corner of Main Street and Kennedy Avenue, turn left. Follow Kennedy all the way to 173rd Street and turn left. PUC will be on the right side. With this route, you will still have to drive through the construction on 41 in Schererville, but you will miss the worst of the construction in Highland.

If you live in other southern towns such as Crown Point and Merrillville or eastern towns such as Portage and Valparaiso, you are probably used to taking 80/94 or the Indiana Toll Road. 1 don't have much advice for you because everything is under construction, but I can give you a few tips. With the recent ramp closures on 80/94 west, the closest off-ramp to PUC is Cline Avenue. It is not too hard to find your way to school from Cline. You should get off on Cline north and take it to the 169th Street exit. Turn left on 169th Street. Beware that there is a detour, so you will have to turn left on Parrish Avenue, take it to 171st Street and turn right and then make a left on Kennedy Avenue. Take Kennedy to 173rd Street and turn right. PUC will be on the right side.

Cline Avenue is also the exit you would get off on when heading west on the toll road, except you need to get off on Cline south and turn right on 169th Street instead of left.

There are plenty more directions I could give and I am sure I've missed a few towns, but my best advice is to experiment. If you are stuck in traffic and you know you are already going to be late, get off at an unfamiliar exit and navigate. All you really need to know is the general direction you're heading in. Good luck.

Enjoy simplicity: ditch the gadgets



JORDAN HESTERMANN
News Editor

This is an age where people live for high tech gadgets like cell phones, palm pilots and MP3 players. People fuss with their gadgets while speeding in their cars to get to their destinations. All the while, they are sipping so-called purified water out of plastic bottles. These are all things that make life slightly easier, or pleasant, but the simple things in life should not be forgotten or taken for granted.

It is these simple things that have pushed civilization along, such as things like drinking water that is not bottled. People seem to have survived for years drinking "unpurified" water, yet, now something has changed. It is not the quality of the drinking water because that has come a long way. It is the mentality of the people people these days to do things like buy bottled water, instead of just drink it out of the faucet.

The media has bred so many fears about health issues, that people are afraid to enjoy the simple things.

Drinking water, enjoying a sunny day, walking barefoot in the grass, catching snowflakes on the tongue and playing in the rain have all become feared activities. It is sad, since it is these activities that really put one in touch with life.

The high tech gadgets do not help encourage participation in the simple activities and enjoyments in life. Some seem to think that there is no reason to go outside when so much entertainment lies inside. There are many people that prefer computers and video games to the sun and the grass.

Some simply take for granted the fact that the sun is out.

Every day is to be enjoyed to the fullest. Put the gadgets away and enjoy the outside without the ringing of the cell phone, or the noise of an MP3 player. Those gadgets have a place in life but it is not attached to one's hand, head or hip. It is in needed times, not all the time.

People should not be afraid to pour water into a glass from the tap at home and drink from it.

To learn more about simple things and how far civilization has come, enjoy another simple pleasure like reading about another time. Read about a time when water was not nearly as sanitary as it is today.

Gadgets are expensive and can break, but the simple things can be enjoyed all the time and are almost always free. Find the simple things and choose them once in a while. Learn to appreciate simplicity.

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Students are main focus in new SGA

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Chief copy editor

Plans are in effect for students to play a major role in restructuring the Student Government Association this fall.

The Chronicle reported last spring that because there were no elections held last semester, there are no new officers for the SGA this fall. Without new officers there are no students to run the SGA, making restructuring necessary.

The Center for Career and Leadership Development put together a proposal for restructuring the Student Government Association that was approved by Chancellor Howard Cohen.

Gloria Roldan-Schieb, associate director for student life and activities said if all goes well, the new SGA could be totally turned over to the students in spring 2005, but only if it's ready.

The proposal contains guidelines for the way the new SGA will be run, but the guidelines are nowhere near finalized, Roldan-Schieb said.

She said students will be involved in the majority of the decisions by forming a committee this fall that will review and modify the details of how the SGA will be run. CCLD will also put emphasis on organizing elections that they would like to see happen next spring.

Getting a variety of students involved with the SGA is what Roldan-Schieb said she would like to see happen this fall.

"We want to get the whole university involved with this and would love to get a representative from every department," she said.

Roldan-Schieb also said that recruitment is going to be a very important stage this fall to get enough of the right people involved.

"We're looking for a wonderful group of students who are used to working in groups and teams. We want to get word out through traditional means with emphasis on word of mouth because people know people who know people," Roldan-Schieb said.

The new SGA will also include a graduate advisor, Evelyn Bottando. She is a graduate student majoring in communications. Bottando will play an important part working closely with the students in recruitment, benchmarking, working with those involved and other major tasks.

Carol Wolfe, secretary for student life and activities, said, "We're going to need some strong leadership for this to work."

Wolfe said this in regard to the fact that so much responsibility will be in the control of the students.

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Student crowned in Miss Puerto Rico NWI pageant

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Maggie Sanchez rides on a Purdue Calumet float in a Fourth of July parade. She was crowned "Miss Puerto Rico 2004 of Northwest Indiana" by the Puerto Rican Parade Cultural Organization of Northwest Indiana this summer.

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Maggie Sanchez was crowned "Miss *Puerto Rico 2004 of Northwest Indiana*" by the Puerto Rican Parade and Cultural Organization of Northwest Indiana this summer.

Sanchez is a sophomore majoring in radio and television at PUC. She went through an application process and participated in a pageant in order to win her crown.

Frances Vega, coordinator for the pageant this year and Ivy Tech's state director for Hispanic and Latino outreach, said contestants in the pageant have to meet certain criteria. They have to be between the ages of 16 and 21, maintain a GPA of 3.0, one of their parents has to be Puerto Rican and preferably they have to be Spanish speaking.

"They must also have an interest in continuing their education. Puerto Rican women tend to think that graduating high school is enough. We are trying to encourage education," Vega said.

Sanchez said the organization is important to the region.

"I feel it helps Hispanics and mainly Puerto Ricans get together and share their culture with Northwest Indiana."

During the pageant the girls were judged on poise, personality and talent;" Vega said Sanchez not only won the title of "Miss Puerto Rico 2004 of Northwest Indiana," but she was also named "Miss Congeniality" of the contest.

"Maggie did a dance for her talent. She did a beautiful show. She is a great girl all around," Vega said.

Sanchez was chosen from among six contestants. She won $500, a gift certificate to Albert's jewelers, a medallion, a trip to Puerto Rico, a dress and a $1,000 scholarship.

Sanchez said she participated in the pageant for the overall experience and she didn't expect to win.

"When they called my name it was so exciting, I couldn't do anything but cry," she said.

She said she wants to make a difference with her title.

"I plan on doing a lot of good things, I want to do the best I can," Sanchez said.

Vega said this year the Parade and Cultural Organization did a lot of fundraising so that all six contestants were able to go on the trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

"ATA donated the tickets for the trip and the Diamond Palace Hotel and Casino in Puerto Rico gave us the rooms free of charge," Vega said.

Sanchez said she had a great time in Puerto Rico.

"We saw the rainforest, historical sites and went snorkeling."

The pageant was held on June 26 at the Radisson in Merrillville. The pageant was hosted by Mayor McDermott of Hammond.

Vega got involved with the Parade and Cultural Organization four or five years ago when a good friend asked her to come to a meeting. She said she wanted to reach out more and within a short time became the organization's secretary.

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Shuttle

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a school bus, will run from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays beginning Aug. 30 and running until Sept. 16. There will be five bus stops and two busses running throughout the day. Each stop will be clearly marked with a sign, Lukoshus said. Students will board and depart the shuttle at Woodmar Mall at the top of the hour, and 15, 30 and 45 minutes after the hour. The bus will stop at the PER building, south of 173rd Street, 10, 25, 40 and 55 minutes after the hour. The bus will stop at Lawshe Hall, located on Woodmar Avenue, north of 173rd Street, 15, 30 45 and 60 minutes after the hour. The bus will stop at Founders Plaza, located at Woodmar Avenue and 171st Street, 20, 35, 50 and 5 minutes after the hour. The last bus stop will be at the Anderson Circle Drive, located on Woodmar Avenue south of 169th Street, 25, 40, 55 and 10 minutes after the hour.

Photo by Terrie Henderson

The parking lot of the Woodmar Mall, located just North of campus on Indianapolis Boulevard, will be available for additional parking during the first three weeks of school.

Lukoshus said the initial plan was to discontinue the reserved faculty spots and open them up to anyone, and to offer parking to faculty at Woodmar Mall. However, after conversations with the separate governance groups, a better solution was reached.

The Park and Ride Committee consisted Regina Biddings, executive assistant to the chancellor for engagement, Mike Kull, assistant vice chancellor for business and facilities services and Stephen Chaddock, university police chief. and Lukoshus.

"Obviously it's preferred that people park on campus, but we have this service available," Lukoshus said.

Lukoshus said the Woodmar lot will be patrolled by University Police. He said "it will certainly extend their duties," but patrolling both lots would not cause the Purdue lot to become less safe.

"We want to maximize our efforts to make sure security is provided [at both locations]," Lukoshus said.

Stephanie Wilson, a freshman majoring in biology, said that by the time people drive around the Purdue parking lot and realize they can't find a space, and then drive over to Woodmar to catch the shuttle, they will be late to class.

"It's going to take too much time," she said.

Wilson said she plans to come early to avoid being late to class. She said overall, the fact that the campus offering this shuttle for students is good, but she said problems could arise, such as tardiness, wasted gas and wasted time.

Grace DeWalt, a freshman majoring in general communication, said the Park and Ride program sounds like a good idea because it will offer students additional parking if they can't find parking spots on campus.

DeWalt said she plans on taking night classes, and does not anticipate needing to use the shuttle.

Although she said it sounds like a good idea, personally, she would be skeptical to use the shuttle.

"I'd be afraid. I'm not familiar with the area," she said. But DeWalt said if the incentives were good, she would be more inclined to learn the route to the mall.

"If there was a big (mall) discount, I'd use it," she said.

Lukoshus said students should give themselves enough time to get to school and should allow some extra time for parking. This comes from not only the parking situation, but because there is also currently a lot of road construction. He asked students, faculty and staff to be patient and look beyond the immediacy of the parking situation.

Lukoshus said, "We realize this year is going to be a challenge. This is just one of the growing pains. It's unfortunate that things have to get worse before they get better, but they will get better."

Maps on how to get to the Woodmar Mall are available at the University Police station.

Construction

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traffic moving because there are not many options for alternate routes with the construction. He said as long as there isn't a crash; traffic seems to be moving the same as always.

Jessica Mace, INDOT public information officer, agreed that there are no good alternate routes for people traveling on the Borman or the Indiana Toll Road.

She said the toll road project began last fall and is also a widening project. She said that during construction, only one lane is available in each direction with a reversible center lane to help with rush hour traffic.

Sam Wolfe, INDOT road operations engineer, said the toll road project has progressed significantly. He said that in the next couple months, paving will be done which will allow the toll road to return to two lanes in each direction by November.

Wolfe said the contractors will work through the winter when weather permits and will have three lanes in each direction by May.

Eric Wilson, an INDOT area engineer, said the widening and reconstruction project of Route 41 in Highland is also scheduled to be completed in May.

He said the crews have had minor delays and will be starting the second and final phase in October.

Wilson said there are not a lot of options for alternate routes because of all the other construction.

"Local traffic finds their own detours and those roads get backed up," Wilson said. "There is so much construction that I don't have any detours to suggest."

The construction has made it difficult for students and staff commuting to PUC.

Alicia Young, a sophomore majoring in elementary education, commutes to her classes from Valparaiso.

"I would have rather them done a little part of the construction at a time," Young said. "This is just awful for students who have to take these roads."

Carol Wolfe, secretary for student life and activities, agrees with Young. She drives to her job at PUC from Portage.

"If I see one more road construction sign, I'm going to lose it," Wolfe said. "I don't know who thought up these closings, but they weren't thinking."

For daily road construction updates visit INDOT's website, www.in.gov/dot/.

Residents Comment on Parking Garage

CHRIS KLECKNER
Staff Writer

University officials face mixed reactions regarding local residents and the construction of the new parking garage.

Residents on Wicker Avenue have many opinions on the construction of the parking structure in front of their homes.

Alice Rothchild lives directly next to the construction. She said it has caused her more problems than it is worth.

Rothchild said there have been structural damages to her home and swimming pool and she even mentioned selling her home to get away from the problems.

She said PUC should compensate the residents on Wicker Avenue because "it's been like hell."

Patrick Girouard, children's book illustrator, found it difficult to work with the constant pounding and also discussed damages to his home such as cracks in the foundation and inner walls.

Another resident, Jim Core, found it difficult to sleep.

He works midnights and had problems sleeping during the afternoon pile-driving.

"The pounding got old real fast but there is nothing we could do, you just have to take the bad with the good," Core said. "I just hope we don't get an ugly view of the parking garage when everything is said and done."

Other residents didn't seem to mind the construction as much.

Eleanor Hull was home during all the pile-driving and said that the pounding was not as bad as she anticipated and did not last very long.

Loretta Sado said the pounding shook pictures off her walls but nothing else happened.

Gary Newsom, vice chancellor of administrative services, said that before the construction started the administration mailed letters stating that the university would pay for property inspectors to document any pre-construction damages. The residents had the option to decline the service, but if they did so the university would not be held responsible for damages incurred during construction.

Newsom also said there is a possibility of closing off Wicker Avenue at the east entrance and creating a cul-de-sac to stop the flow off traffic north of 170th Street.

The biggest concern among the residents was what the structure was going to look like from their homes.

Newsom said, "The university wants to create a parking structure that is architecturally beautiful and helps stop all the parking issues."

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Game room rennovations to take place by spring

MANDY LUCIOUS
Staff Writer

Purdue Calumet's new game room located in SFLC 104-A opens today with two new lounge rooms to follow in SFLC 100 in January.

Rick Riddering, director of the Center for Career and Leadership Development, said the game room will be a place for students to relax and have somewhere to go in between classes.

The game room will feature two Xbox game systems, two Playstation game systems, two pool tables, two dart boards, bubble hockey, air hockey, a foosball table and Golden Tee, a popular golf game.

Matt Dudzik, sports coordinator, is in charge of the game room. He said security will be very strict. Students will have to go to the information desk in front of SFLC with a student ID or drivers' license to check out game equipment.

He said students will have to bring their own controllers for both the Xbox and Playstation game systems.

Dudzik said vandalized, broken or stolen equipment will not be tolerated.

Rob Jensen, director of fitness, agreed with Dudzik. He said students should respect the game room and take care of the games.

Jensen said the money to build the room will not affect student fees.

He said the Student Programming Board paid for half the games and university funds paid for the other half.

Jensen said there will be a minimal charge for pool, darts and the Golden Tee game.

Construction for the new lounge starts Dec. 1.

Jensen said when students return for the spring semester, they will find two new rooms where the current TV room is located in SFLC.

He said the room will have a wall splitting the current TV room in half. The east end of the current TV room will be a "quiet room."

This room will be equipped with tables, couches and computer access so students can study.

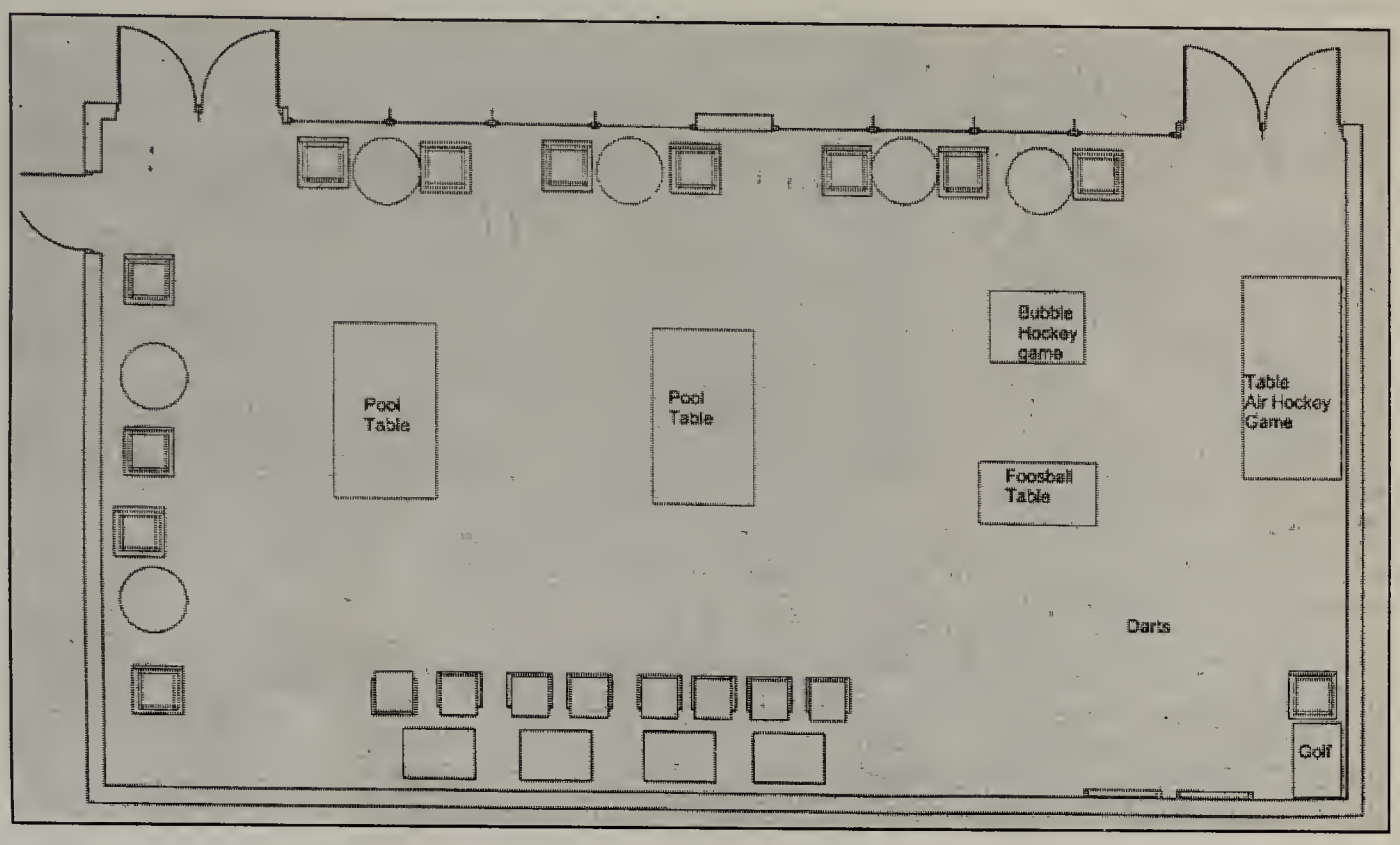
The west end of the current TV room will have three televisions with a wireless sound system and areas for socializing.

Student organizations can reserve the rooms, which will both include stages, to hold forums and other functions.

"I believe that these enhancements will contribute to an even greater student life at PUC and I'm sure that you'll see even more activities on campus as a result of having this space," Riddering said.

Jensen said the Utilization Study Task Force used 98 percent of student ideas to design this room.

The new game room and lounge will be open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Both areas will be closed on the weekend. The rooms will have later hours in fall 2005 when student housing opens.



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This graphic outlines the new student game room, schedule to be open to students by spring 2005.

Grad aide brings fresh ideas to new SGA

Photo by Dave Thompson

Evelyn Bottando sits in the newly rennovated SGA office. Bottando, the new graduate assistant hired to help restructure the SGA said she's "up for the challenge."

TERRIE HENDERSON
Editor in Chief

The Center for Career and Leadership Development just hired a new graduate assistant to help restructure the now non-existent SGA.

Gloria Roldan-Schieb, associate director of student life and activities, said Evelyn Bottando, a communication graduate student and lifelong Gary resident, has a vision.

Roldan-Schieb said steps are being made in the restructuring process.

"Elections will happen at the end of the academic year and we will have a government," Bottando said.

Roldan-Schieb said Bottando's involvement with student groups at Valparaiso University, where she received her undergraduate degree in international economics and cultural affairs, made her a qualified candidate for the job. Roldan-Schieb said when Bottando applied for the position, Bottando had already researched the prior PUC SGA and what lead to their disbanding.

"She found us," Roldan-Schieb said. "I feel she will be an advocate for the students."

Bottando said she is up to the challenge.

"I really believe in students getting active and being able to have a voice, and I feel up to the challenge to hear their voice, get their needs met and create an SGA that really works."

Bottando said when she applied for graduate school at PUC, she looked into graduate aide positions. When she came across the position for a graduate assistant to restructure the SGA, she knew she could do the job.

"It met with everything that I'd love to be working on," Bottando said.

As an undergraduate at VU, she was president of a chapter of Amnesty International, which is a human rights organization. She also lobbied for woman's rights, was part of an environmental group, participated in the "Vagina Monologues," wrote for the student newspaper, was in an opera and co-hosted a radio show on campus.

"I didn't really understand what it meant to be a leader until I put myself out there," Bottando said. "I realized my strengths and weaknesses, and I learned how to provide direction and how to make an idea a reality."

Bottando said last year, SGA did not represent the student body. She said because the job has not been done properly, people don't know what an SGA really is, or what it can do for the students. She gave an example of what SGA can offer other student groups.

"SGA has leadership funds to give to student organizations," she said.

Bottando explained that these funds can be used to enable students to attend conferences or to help fund student events.

"Others have let it look like a political game, when it's not," Bottando said. "It is students first."

Anyone interested in contacting Bottando can call (219) 989-2369 or can email her at evebottando@yahoo.com.

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Entrepreneurs compete for money

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Opportunity for Indiana is in the second stage of its business plan competition.

It's sponsored by Purdue University to create jobs for students in Indiana and to help keep them in Indiana after graduation. Opportunity is trying to create interns, enterprises and connections for Indiana.

Rick Riddering, director of the Center for Career Leadership and Development, said the idea behind this program is to identify some of the top new business ideas for this region.

"Ideally if PUC can be involved in the development of these businesses it ultimately will equate into more jobs for our graduates as the businesses become more established," he said.

Donna George, event coordinator and media relations for the business plan competition, said the competition is a way of meeting goals of Opportunity.

"Part of the goal (Opportunity's goal) is to place interns in emerging businesses. This is a way of doing that," George said.

The contest, which is in its second phase, is funded by The Lilly Endowment. It kicked off last April at the Working Smarter conference at PUC. From there, press releases and invitations to participate in the contest were sent out. The deadline for the initial submittal was Aug. 1.

George said, "The contest is for people who may just have an idea and don't know where to start or for new companies that need help to move forward."

She said they had overwhelming participation in the contest.

"We were hoping for 25 entries and we received 90 entries," George said.

Riddering said he was surprised at the number of entries.

"The level of excitement we've seen proves there is a lot of entrepreneurship in Northwest Indiana that has not always been recognized," he said. "We never anticipated this kind of involvement for the first year."

The second phase of the competition consists of workshops for the contestants to attend in order to write their business plan. Once the contestants complete the workshops, they will be required to submit an executive summary. George said they will then choose 15 semi-finalists who will continue on to the next phase which is to submit a final business plan.

After the business plans are submitted, five finalists will be chosen. They will then have to present their business plans to the judges. George said the judges will be area business people who can offer a wide variety of views about business.

The finalist will be announced Dec. 1. First prize is $25,000, second prize is $15,000 and third prize is $10,000.

Workshop Schedule

The following workshops are free and everyone is invited to attend.

Thursday, Sept. 9
Topics: "Is there a market for your product/service?" & "Marketing Plan"
Location: Entrepreneurship Center at PUC
Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 14
Topic: "Estimating the cost and selling price of your product/service"
Location: Purdue North Central Library-Student-Faculty Building, Room 2
Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 16
Topic: "How to package your business plan"
Location: Entrepreneurship Center at PUC
Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 21
Topics: "Financial Plan" & "How to find $$$ for your business"
Location: Purdue North Central Library-Student-Faculty Building, Room 2
Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 28
Topics: "Management Plan" & "Panel discussion on business-related topics including legal and financial issues"
Location: Purdue North Central Library-Student-Faculty Building, Room 2
Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 30
Topic: "Personal consultations with experienced business owners"
Location: Entrepreneurship Center at PUC
Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

Important Dates

Friday, Oct. 8
Executive Summaries due

Friday, Oct. 15
15 Semi-finalists chosen

Monday, Oct. 25
Full Business Plans due

Monday, Nov. 8
Five finalists chosen

Wednesday, Dec. 1
Finalists present plans
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Weekend Trip : Windsor, Ontario

Across the border for fun, food and sights

KENDRA JESSEN
Managing Editor

Most students need a break from school at some time or another, but money issues tend to get in the way. If you are looking for an inexpensive weekend getaway, packed with meeting new people and fun bars, try Windsor, Ontario.

Windsor is located off Interstate 80/94 east next to Detroit and is only four hours away from Northwest Indiana.

In order to get into Windsor you have to drive through the Detroit-Windsor tunnel, which is one-mile long and runs under the Detroit River. It is the only vehicular international sub aqueous border crossing in the world.

When you arrive in Windsor, you first have to go through customs where you will be asked to furnish your citizenship. Your citizenship is either a passport or a birth certificate and a driver's license. Don't lose these items in Canada, because they are required to get back into the United States.

Once you are admitted into Canada, it is a good idea to stop at the currency exchange and convert your U.S. dollars into Canadian dollars. The exchange rate is what *makes Windsor an inexpensive* getaway. The exchange rate is currently $1.30 Canadian for $1.00 U.S. It has been as much as $1.60 Canadian in the past three years.

It isn't hard to find a hotel for $100 U.S. or less in downtown Windsor next to all the bars, but you have to book in advance because every hotel ends up being sold out on the weekends. You can book hotels through any Internet travel agency, but I suggest visiting www.windsorx.com because it has links to all of the hotels and bars, along with maps.

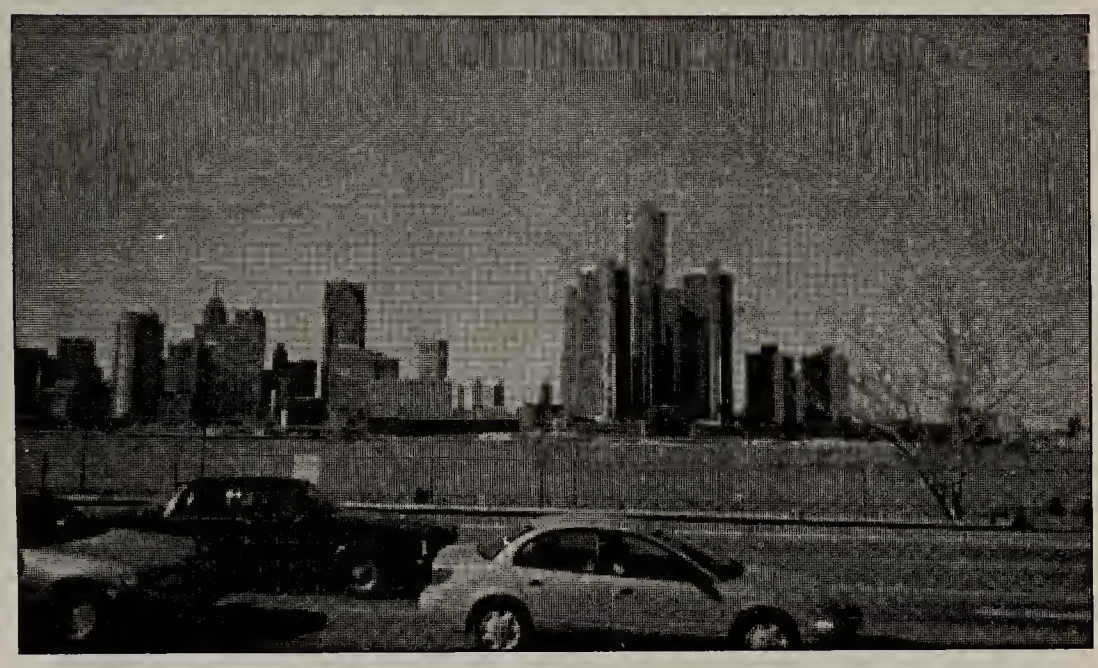
There are over 50 bars in Windsor all within walking distance of one another. Since the drinking age in Canada is only 19, there is a mixture of ages at the bars. Most ages range from 19 to late 20s. There is also a variety of people at the bars including locals, students from the University of Windsor and plenty of people from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

The most popular bars are located on Ouellette Avenue. On this street you'll find small bars with live bands, karaoke bars and crowded nightclubs.

A few of my favorites bars include Treehouse, which is an intimate bar that plays standard dance tunes and has a small dance floor. The staff is very friendly and the décor of the bar makes you feel like you are in a treehouse.

Another one of my favorites is Rush Nightclub. It has pool tables, an arcade, a large bar and a decent size dance floor. The DJ *plays an excellent variety of music* ranging from 70s tunes to techno and rap.

Last but not least of my favorites is Wired Nightclub. This club has three floors. One floor opens at 10 p.m., the second floor at 11 p.m. and the third at midnight. This club is neat because each of the floors is completely different. There are three different DJs, dance floors on two of the floors and pool tables and couches on the other floor.



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Cars drive past the Detroit skyline along Riverside Drive in Windsor, Ontario. Windsor offers an inexpensive weekend getaway to those interested in gambling, bar-hopping and shopping.

If you make it to your bar of choice by 11 *p.m.* it is likely you won't have to pay cover and you might get some great drink specials, sometimes half price.

If you are not into the dancing scene, Windsor has comedy clubs, bars with live blues and jazz clubs.

Daytime is not boring around Windsor either. There is the Windsor Casino and Devonshire Mall. The Windsor Casino is fun because with the exchange rate you can play more games. Devonshire Mall is neat to shop at because with the exception of a few American stores, all of the stores are Canadian and you can find some neat clothes you wouldn't find here in the states.

Restaurants and food are also plentiful in Windsor. If you like Italian food there is a section of the city called "Little Italy," which is a one-mile strip of Italian restaurants and shops. Otherwise, a short walk down any of the streets will lead you to plenty of restaurants with a variety of food.

Before heading back through the tunnel into the states, be sure to walk through the Dieppe Gardens along the Detroit River for a picturesque view of the Detroit skyline. It is the best view of the skyline you can possibly get.

All in all, Windsor has something for everyone, especially college students. No matter which month you go in, you will always find something to do. The city is bustling year-round.

Shyamalan weaves creepy tale in 'The Village'

JADE LEE CULBERSON
Staff Writer

Red is the bad color - it brings Those We Do Not Speak Of. At least that's what the villagers in a tiny, Amish-type community believe. They live simple lives and share a sense of community the audience sees as the movie opens to a funeral that is followed by an outdoor communal dinner.

M. Night Shyamalan, writer and director, may have been trying for a straight-up horror movie with "The Village," but what he weaves is a somber tale of mystery mixed in with a twisted love story. It works, but it works as a character study as much as a genre flick.

The village is separated from "the towns" by a creepy forest, home to the mysterious creatures who are only every referred to as Those We Do Not Speak Of, and no one ever passes from village to town, or vice versa. The problem with this, however, is that the village lacks the medicines of the towns. The only son of a widow called Alice Hunt (Sigourney Weaver), Lucius (Joaquin Phoenix) goes to the elders of the village and asks permission to travel through the forest to get medicines from the town to help end deaths from curable and preventable ailments. Such a journey is deemed too dangerous, though, even for the enthusiastic and good-hearted young man. Lucius stays in the village, and he is pursued by a love-struck Kitty Walker (Judy Greer). He has no feelings for Kitty, and it doesn't take long for her to marry someone else, a man who seems to be concerned, more than anything else, if his shirt will get wrinkled. Once Kitty marries, Lucius is able to pursue her blind younger sister, Ivy (Bryce Dallas Howard), who has hyper natural (some might say almost supernatural) awareness and a sweet nature. Ivy has seemingly endless patience with Noah (Adrien Brody), a mentally ill young man (the "village idiot" it seems, at times) who has feelings for her in a way she seems not to notice.

Just when Lucius and Ivy get engaged and everything looks good, things start to look worse for the village as odd goings-on and even killings are attributed to the forest's dwellers. A close encounter with the monsters show that sometimes special effects take a distant second to quality costuming - and these simple but terror-inspiring creatures, Those We Do Not Speak Of, are proof of this.

Tragedy strikes the village, and eventually someone must try to cross through the forest as a villager's life hangs in the balance. The surprise ending is part of a series of surprises, without which the movie would definitely lack much of its overall effect.

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Bryce Dallas Howard plays Ivy, a blind character, in M. Night Shyamalan's "The Village."

Shyamalan's social commentary is clear, but it stays where it belongs, taking a backseat to the movie's plot. Rated PG-13 for a scene of violence and frightening images, the film also stands out for its lack of swearing.

A refreshing change from so many special-effects charged movies that are heavy on gore and lacking in plot, "The Village" is worth its full two hours. The creepy effect of the movie ends up with multiple levels, and remains after the credits roll.

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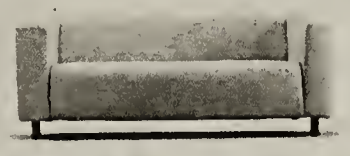
1 	$466.63	1 **$199** KLIPPAN sofa	
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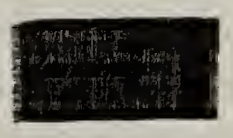
5 	$71.98	5 **$4.99** MARIENTA RUTA RAG rug	
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DAVE WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Are you like me? Every week my friends and I want to go out to eat. Yet, we can never decide where to go. Often, someone says, "Why don't we try a new restaurant?" After we flirt with that idea for a half hour, we always end up at the same places week in and week out. Well, to be cliché, I've got news for you.

Northwoods is a relatively new restaurant located on US 41 in Schererville. I say restaurant, but it's really much more. From the outside, the log cabin motif gives you the rustic impression to prepare you for what's behind the front doors. Anyone living south of Route 30 will appreciate the deer heads on the wall, the fishing boats hanging overhead, and the country music that fills the background; yet, this place has enough charm to win over anyone's heart.

But if they don't win over your heart, they'll win over your belly. Northwoods serves "hearty home cookin'" and they say so on their menu. Choose from appetizers that range from classics like onion rings or french fries, which are lightly seasoned for an original taste, or try one of my favorites, the corn nuggets, which are deep fried corn with a side of honey. I'm getting hungry just thinking about them.

For the main course, they've got their own variety of burgers and chicken sandwiches. If you're tired of meat on a bun, feel free to try the fish and ribs. For the health conscious, Northwoods serves salads and a couple sub sandwiches as well.

Like beer with your meal? Despite being slightly pricey, try the "Three Lakes Ale" that is brewed especially for Northwoods. It has a crisp dark ale flavor with no dark ale aftertaste. Not into beer? Did I mention that Northwoods is also a saloon? Sounds kind of hokey, but they offer a plethora of drinks to satisfy most any alcohol desires.

Desserts consist of a seasonal cheese cake, good old fashioned ice cream and a chocolate pie that's their own special twist on the apple pie.

Here's the real question; "Will this place cost me an arm and a leg?" Northwoods is on par with most sports bars and family restaurants, so guys, if you're taking a date here, you'd still be spending $30 to $40. Here's the kicker though, you get great home style cookin' for your money, just like Grandma used to make. And you're lucky to get a date anyway.

While on the subject, I encourage Northwoods to be your dinner selection if you're on a first date. They have various entertainment throughout the week, ranging from live bands, to dancing and even karaoke.

Keep in mind, this place is fairly new. There might be a small wait when you arrive, so kill time in the Northwoods gift shop. Where else are you going to get your fill of fish mugs, raccoon hats and wolf shirts? This could also save you from the uncomfortable small talk that often occurs while waiting for your table. But, first dates tend to be awkward anyway.

In closing, this almost sounds like one of those cheesy ads you'd read in the news paper, but a good impression can go a long way. What did I order? Just "The Barn Buster" chicken sandwich with a side of crispy twigs, their name for the aforementioned french fries with spunk. That's all it took to get me hooked. I seriously recommend you try Northwoods hearty home cookin' and saloon as a change-of-pace even if you're happy with the same old T.G.I. Friday's and Applebee's. You won't be disappointed.

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Northwoods Restaurant, a relatively new restaurant located in St. John on Indianapolis Boulevard, has enough charm to win over anyone's heart.

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Live vicariously through Madden 2005

New version continues to set the standard for the football gaming experience

DAVE WRIGHT
Staff Writer

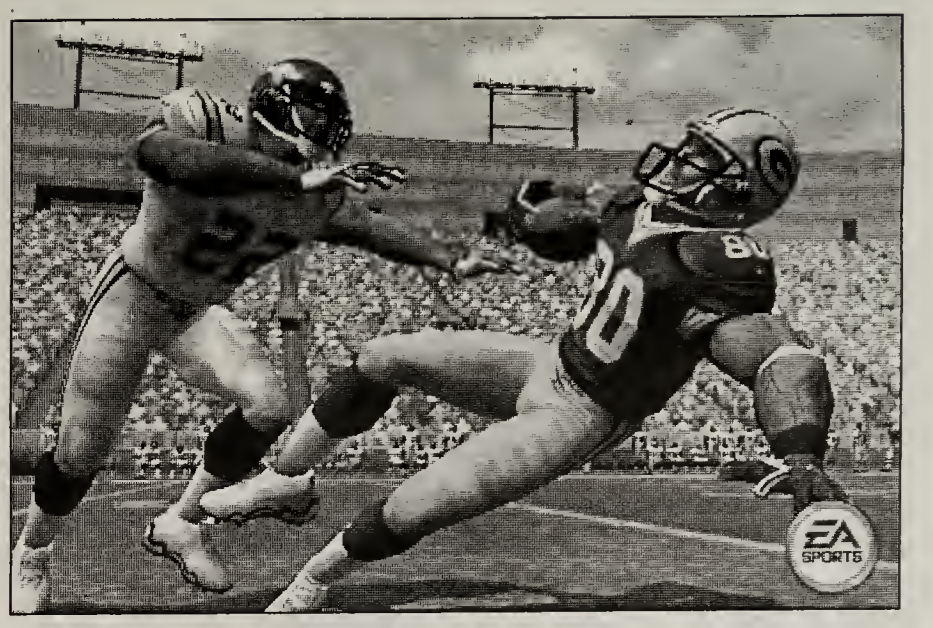
It's that time of year again guys; when on Sundays, you part ways with any female companion you're lucky enough to have, shed normal attire for sweats and your favorite shirt and eat food that's awful for you in massive quantities. That's right, it's football season. Since most of us are not fortunate enough to play in the NFL, we have to live vicariously through video games. For the past fifteen years, John Madden's football games have set the standard for the football video gaming experience. This year is no exception with the release of Madden 2005.

Madden 2005 has all the muscle from last year's edition with subtle but noticeable improvements. Whether you love playing head to head, enjoy playing 30 seasons as the general manager or are an online junky, there's an improvement with you in mind. However, while the offense side of the ball stayed virtually the same, the Madden programming team wanted to make one big upgrade this year to benefit all gamers. Say it with me; DE-FENSE! Yes, the AI on defense has been revamped to ensure more exciting games. I admit blow-outs can be fun, but nothing beats an 80-yard drive with two minutes to go to win the game. With the addition of the "hit stick," players can smash the ball carrier to the ground mercilessly with just a flick of the right analog stick. Sometimes, you can cause a game changing fumble. Other times, you can miss an easy tackle, giving up costly yards or even points. Personally, I think the timing is a little tricky with this feature, so I use it sparingly.

If you're playing Madden 2005 on the PS2 or Xbox, take advantage of online play. Madden Online has new, more strict rules for quitters and people who disconnect early in games they're obviously going to lose. Ranked games now have four-minute quarters to keep games short and sweet. Also, online tournaments are easier to participate in. That being said, my favorite part of online play is updating rosters. There's something unsettling about playing with a team who has just traded for an all-star and you're stuck with the old roster. That's the sole reason I shelled out $40 for a network adapter for my PS2. Other Maddenites will back me up on this one. Right, guys and girls? Hello?

As stated earlier, franchise mode has been tweaked. Now you have to worry about keeping your players happy, picking team captains and building team prestige. In addition, the create-a-coach and create-a-player functions have returned relatively unchanged, but create-a-fan has been added as filler. Sounds fun, but it loses its charm rather quickly. I was hoping they would have added a playoff stat tracker instead. If I'm going to sign a starting quarterback, I want to know if he can perform when it counts the most. However, I was excited to have the ability to actually change players' positions. That being said, with all the new features added to franchise mode, it can become a bit overwhelming, but fun nonetheless.

This year, Madden has some competition. Another football game was released



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entitled ESPN NFL 2K5. Some might pass up Madden to buy this game because of its pretty $20 price tag, but gamers who do this are settling for second best. My solution would be to buy both games since renting ESPN is kind of foolish considering that after three rentals you could own it. Madden is every bit worth the extra $30 you'd have to shell out to purchase it.

Madden 2004 sold millions of copies all over the world. From that, I gather that even people who don't care for football are purchasing this game. With hours upon hours of fun, it's easy to get wrapped up in just one aspect of the game much less all of them. This game helps diehard football fans get their fix during the off season. For crying out loud, it's just a great video game. And it just seems that any gaming library isn't complete without the latest version of Madden football.

Vonnegut's 'Cat's Cradle' a cautionary masterpiece

BRIAN MASON
Staff Writer

If it can be said that there is a definitive novel by Kurt Vonnegut, then that novel is "Cat's Cradle." It is quite possibly the funniest book ever written about the end of the world. Vonnegut's novel is a pointed satire of modern man. First published in 1963, "Cat's Cradle" was an immediate hit with critics and readers alike both outside of and within the counter-culture.

The book follows a writer known to the reader as Jonah, who is writing a book called "The Day the World Ended," about the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Jonah acts as the narrator and the reader's guide through a plot which stretches from New York State to a fictional Caribbean island and finally to the end of the world. Jonah is researching the life of Dr. Felix Hoenikker, one of the fathers of the atomic bomb. His work leads him to establish contact with the children and colleagues of Dr. Hoenikker, through whom he discovers an astounding secret that has the potential to change the world, and will forever change his destiny.

Scientists, humanitarians, little people, Hoosiers, and a totalitarian dictator, all play a part in the wildly imaginative story, but the tie that binds it all together is Bokonism. For this novel, Vonnegut has created an original religion and theology based entirely on lies, or as they are called in the fictional religion, foma - harmless untruths. Many such words are invented to explain the religion, which was begun by the character Bokonon in order to distract the impoverished citizens of the island of San Lorenzo from their pathetic lives. One Bokonist trait is to whisper "busy, busy, busy" whenever they can see how interconnected everything in the world is. "Cat's Cradle" is filled with verses and poems from the "Books of Bokonon," including the first sentence of the "Books of Bokonon," "All of the true things I am about to tell you are shameless lies."

Through the use of humor, Vonnegut satirizes such human enterprises as religion, government, technology, and family. The results are both hilarious and thought provoking, as readers are called to challenge their beliefs in the nature of mankind, combined with the "wonders" of twentieth century technology. The deeper themes of the book do not distract from the entertainment value of the novel, however, as laughs are consistent throughout the story right to the bitter end.

"Cat's Cradle" holds tremendous appeal for anyone that enjoys a spirited romp through unexpected and ridiculous territory. The chapters are very short and very large in number, with 127 chapters in less than 300 pages. This style makes the book a very quick read and a definite page-turner. Kurt Vonnegut's wildly imaginative novel "Cat's Cradle" is as humorous, thoughtful, and downright fun today as it was forty years ago. If you've never read anything by this master of modern literature, "Cat's Cradle" is an excellent starting point and is an ironic, sarcastic, cautionary masterpiece.

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Wednesday, September 1	*PUC-101 Carnival Day*	
• Rush Week	(SFLC Concourse)	
• Big Faces	(SFLC Concourse)	9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
• Games/Prizes	(SFLC Concourse)	
• T-Mobile IM2Win Tour	(Founder's Plaza)	
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Intramurals introduce ironman, ironwoman challenge

DAVE THOMPSON
Sports / Online Editor

Total Fitness Center Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik has a new challenge this semester that will be open to PUC students, faculty, and staff only. In December, Dudzik will name one male IM ironman champion and one female IM ironwoman champion.

Dudzik said that every intramural offered this semester would be a part of the challenge. However, Dudzik said that playing in a league style sport such as 4 on 4 flag football or 6 on 6 co-ed volleyball will only count once toward the 22 events planned even if a participant plays multiple weeks in the league.

The primary criterion for winning is participating in the most events. Three other factors, dedication, sportsmanship and teamwork, will help decide a champion in the event that two or more people of the same gender are tied for the most events at the end of the competition.

One of the supplemental criteria Dudzik and assistant sports coordinator Pete Fagan Jr. will use to judge in the event of a tiebreaker include frequency of attendance in league sports. Dudzik and Fagan will also compare the number of team sports and the number of solitary sports that individuals who tie for the most events play in.

Fagan wants participants to show that they are a good role model. In addition, Dudzik does not want to see people arguing with the referees or the other team. He will look favorably at people who play by the rules and show leadership by helping set up and taking down equipment for the different sports.

The two winners of this competition will each receive a plaque that will be made by Main Sporting Goods in East Chicago and a box of Wheaties. Dudzik said that the look of the plaque has not been determined yet, but will be done later in the semester.

The TFC staff has a number of reasons for implementing the ironman and ironwoman challenge.

Dudzik wants people to participate in more than one event. Fagan concurred with Dudzik, as he said the IM program wants to reward people that play in multiple events.

Exercise specialist Tabitha Stills thinks there is another reason why the ironman and ironwoman challenge was implemented. She said it was implemented to bring more fun to campus.

Dudzik and Fagan hope for 40 to 50 people to participate in the challenge. Fagan said that plans to continue the ironman and ironwoman challenge in the spring 2005 semester and beyond will depend on what happens this semester.

Dudzik agreed with Fagan on future plans for the ironman and ironwoman challenge.

"If this goes well, I plan to do it. I hope it does," Dudzik said.

For more information about the IM ironman and ironwoman challenge, e-mail Dudzik at dudzik@calumet.purdue.edu or call (219) 989-2050.

Event:	Location:	Signup Deadline:	Starts:	End (Rain Date):
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USA Team Tennis NIN College Champion	South Gleason Park in Gary	Sept. 9	Oct. 9	Oct. 9
Open Play Dodgeball	PUC Gym	N/A	Sept. 14	Oct. 5
501 Dart Tournament	Ricciardi's in Highland	N/A	Sept. 15	Sept. 15
Flag Football (4 on 4)	PUC Gym	Sept. 16	Sept. 20	TBD
8-Ball	SFLC 104A	Sept. 17	Sept. 21	TBD
Co-Ed Volleyball (6 on 6)	PUC Gym	Sept. 21	Sept. 23	TBD
Frisbee Golf Tournament	Knickerbocker Park	Sept. 30	Oct. 2	(Oct. 16)

The 2004 PUC men's soccer club

Photo taken by Dave Thompson

Members of the 2004 PUC Men's Soccer Club include: First Row (L to R): Jovo Dakic, Milos Sparavalo, Darren Zancan, Stefen Hutchins, Craig Gard in the second row (L to R): Head Coach Dale Moore, Derek Moore, Nkemjika Ibekup, Milan Dakic, Marcos Campos, Jorge Alcantar, Carlos Mendoza, Uyi Eguasa

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In The Zone

A look at fitness, wellness and sports events at *Purdue University Calumet and The Chicagoland Area*

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The gym, racquetball courts, and running track in the PER building are currently closed for floor resurfacing. These facilities will remain closed until Monday, Sept. 6.

For more information, call Rob Jensen at (219) 989-2540.

Men's Soccer Club vs. Fair Haven Baptist

The PUC men's soccer club will have their first home match vs. Fair Haven Baptist on Friday, Sept. 10 at Dowling Park in Hammond. The match starts at 4:00 p.m.

For more information, call Rob Jensen at (219) 989-2540.

Intramurals debut United States Team Tennis

Signups for the IM USA Team Tennis League are currently being accepted. The season is scheduled to begin on Sunday, Sept. 12 starting at 3:00 p.m. at South Gleason Park in Gary, next to the IUN campus.

For more information, call Matt Dudzik at (219) 989-2050.

Northwest Indiana American Heart Association Heartwalk

PUC is participating in the NWI American Heart Association Heartwalk on Sept. 18 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Crown Point.

For more information, contact team captains Janice Tazbir at 989-2857 or Bill Robinson at (219) 989-2538.

Northwest Indiana Rugby Club seeks members

The Northwest Indiana Exiles Rugby Football Club seeks players to play for the upcoming season. Practices are currently being held Tuesday and Thursday nights at 110 East Old Ridge Road in Hobart.

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Soccer club hopes for "Moore"

Quest to regain intercollegiate status continues despite Drzewiecki's departure

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Sports / Online Editor

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Jim Drzewiecki warms up before his final practice as a member of the PUC Men's Soccer Club. He has since taken a job as the assistant men's and women's soccer coach at Middle Georgia College in Cochran, Ga.

Last month, Jim Drzewiecki said goodbye to the PUC men's soccer club.

Drzewiecki founded the club two years ago after transferring from Franklin College with the long term goal of returning PUC men's soccer back to intercollegiate status. After completing his bachelor's degree in public relations this past May, Drzewiecki continued to help the soccer club prepare for eight matches scheduled for the Fall 2004 semester.

At the end of July, Drzewiecki took a job as "the assistant men's and women's (soccer) coach at Middle Georgia College" in Cochran, Ga. In addition, last year's head coach Roberto Reyes also left the team after coaching the team to a "2-3" record. With Reyes no longer in the picture, Drzewiecki looked for someone to coach the soccer club this season.

Enter Dale Moore:

When Drzewiecki was a young kid, one of his first soccer coaches was former Lowell High School boys and girls soccer coach Dale Moore. Since then, he continued to play soccer on various levels, as well as remain friends with coach Moore.

In high school, Drzewiecki played soccer at Andrean. He then began his collegiate soccer career at Franklin College before transferring to PUC.

The first meeting to prepare for the new season was held at the PER Building on May 10, where Drzewiecki introduced Moore as the new coach. The players in attendance decided practices would be held over the summer on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 5:30 to help get the team in shape.

Moore prides himself on being focused on the teaching aspect of the game. He also fancies himself a student of international soccer, as he will talk with players at practice about recent international matches and players like Romario from Brazil. At a practice in June, Moore commented about the atmosphere at international matches, saying that the only thing we are missing is the crowd and the drums.

Moore has also been willing to practice with the team on occasion. However, he feels that he does not have the same success playing soccer as he did when he was younger.

"Dog gone it, I know what my body is supposed to do," Moore said as he practiced with the club one night attempting to score a goal.

On the move:

Initially, the team was practicing on the grassy field bounded by Gyte on the north, SFLC on the east, and Lawshe Hall to the south. On that field, the soccer club used the smaller intramural goals instead of regulation size soccer goals.

In July, the soccer club moved practice sessions to Warren Elementary School in Highland. Moore said that the club wanted an opportunity to practice on a bigger field with nets closer to regulation size.

The club moved practice back to the PUC campus early in August before finally settling in their new practice and home field for the Fall 2004 season. They are now currently practicing and are scheduled to play two home matches at Dowling Park, located just off of I-80 and Kennedy Avenue.

The two home matches currently scheduled are Sept. 10 vs. Fair Haven Baptist and Sept. 24 vs. Trinity International. Moore said that there is a chance that two other matches, both involving Calumet College of St. Joseph on Sept. 11 and Oct. 16, could be moved to Dowling Park.

Rob Jensen said that he hopes to use Dowling Park as a location for men's soccer in future seasons after spending the summer trying to find a practice and home field due to the construction of student housing on the old soccer field.

While Drzewiecki's leadership will be missed, Moore has taken the reins and hopes to move intercollegiate soccer off of club status and into Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference play next year.

"He improved the team so much. If the team plays a regular season schedule next year, it will be because of Jim" Moore said.

A look at Griffith baseball player Brian Bell

TONY LOS
Staff Writer

Connie Bell, a manager of the Chartwell's Dining Services and handler of catering services on campus, and her husband George are both supportive parents of their 16-year-old son, Brian.

Brian has played baseball since he was a young kid. He started out by hitting a whiffle ball with a plastic bat and his father throwing pitches. He hopes to eventually play baseball at both the college level and in the pros for Dusty Baker and the Chicago Cubs.

Connie said that she has been at every game he's played at except for about four games. She credits her husband George for being a trooper and working with Brian, saying that he provided the playing support for Brian in the dead heat of summer after long exhausting days working as a welder.

George said that his tireless support was a result of Brian's relentless prodding. Even though he would come home from work tired and exhausted, there would be Brian persistently asking to play ball.

Brian started team play in T-Ball league. He attended Eldon Ready Elementary School, home of the Rockets.

George managed several of Brian's teams. While Brian's teammates were learning the basics, he would be turning double plays. Brian said that his dad would signal turning double plays by tipping his cap or scratching his head.

Brian's playing ability spoke for itself, as he was on the all-star team every year he played. Both Connie and George continued to support Brian as he continued his playing career into high school.

Brian started at Andrean High School, but has since transferred to Griffith. He said that Andrean has since become the biggest rival he looks forward to playing against each season.

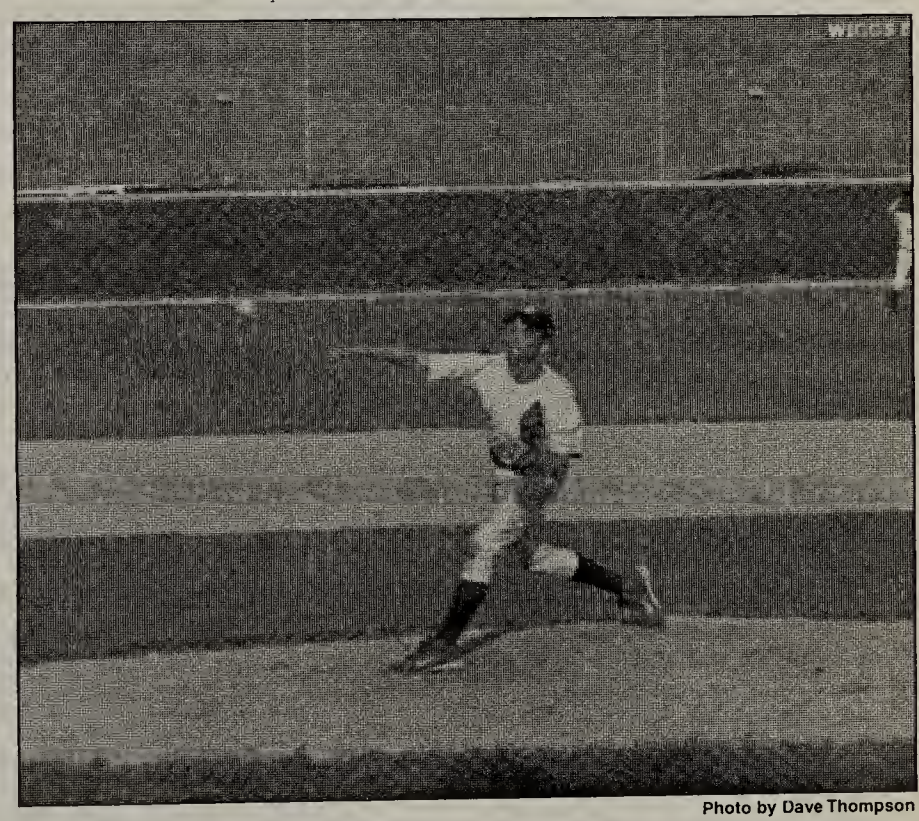
He started the 2004 baseball season on the junior varsity squad, but was promoted to varsity status in time for the Griffith class 3A baseball sectional. While he did not play in the sectional championship against Hammond Morton, he pitched in the Class 3A Regional 9 championship against Andrean.

Brian has won the Best Mental Attitude Award as a junior varsity player. He is also a total team player, playing any position on the baseball field when asked. But he prefers to pitch and play shortstop.

Brian's biggest baseball idol is Ken Griffey Jr., outfielder for the Cincinnati Reds. He said that he likes "the action of the center field position, and Ken Griffey fits his image."

As Brian looks to his junior year and beyond, he hopes to further develop his skills on the Griffith varsity baseball squad the next two years. Brian said that he has yet to reach his full potential as a player.

While Brian has not made a decision on where he would play college baseball, Connie would very much like to see him continue his baseball career at PUC. But, with no baseball program and no home field at the moment, it is anyone's guess right now whether Brian Bell will come to PUC at all after he graduates from high school.



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Brian Bell, son of Chartwell's employee Connie Bell, pitches for Griffith in the Class 3A Regional Championship game held June 8 at Griffith High School against the Andrean 59ers.

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